Education of Muslim Minorities

1648. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that educationally the Muslim Minorities are the most backward people at present in the country;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to uplift them educationally;

(c) whether Government are aware that there are less schools and more police stations and police posts in Muslim dominated areas; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to open adequate number of schools/colleges in such areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) to (d) High Power panel on Minorities headed by Dr. Gopal Singh set-up by the Ministry of Home Affairs had identified Muslims as an educationally backward Minority. With a view to accelerate their educational development, the Government have launched during the current financial year two schemes, namely, Scheme of Area Intensive Porgramme for Educationally backward Minorities and Scheme of Financial Assistance for Modernisation of Madrasa Education.

Central Assistance to banned Organisations

1649. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of schools and colleges in Delhi which are being supported and run by the organisation banned by the Central Government after the demolition of Babri Mosque;

(b) whether the said schools and colleges are still getting the Central Assistance;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT OF EDUCATION & DEPTT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA) : (a) and (b) According to information furnished by the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, no recognised school run by any organisation banned by Government has come to their notice. Every recognised school is run by a Managing Committee/Society whose Articles/Memorandum of Association does not state that it is linked with any other organisation. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Committee have also furnished nil information regarding schools run by banned organisations.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Separate University for NCR

1650. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to set up a separate University for the National Capital Region; and

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative where the University is likely to be located and whether it will be an affiliated or a teaching University?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Strike by Central School Teachers

1651. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central school teachers have decided to plan a country-wide strike ;

(b) if so, what are the main reason therefor;

(c) whether the teachers demanded a committee to conduct enquiries into the alleged irregularities in recruitment procedure adopted by the KVS;

(d) if so, whether any action has been taken by Central Government for conducting an enquiry in the matters;

(e) if so, what are the other demands by the central school teachers; and

(f) to what extent Government have been able to meet their demands?

THE DEPUTY MINISTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT OF EDUCATION DEPTT. OF CULTURE (Km. SELJA) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Government is of the view that no such enquiry is warranted.

(e) and (f) Certain employees associations had submitted representation listing out demands pertaining to transfer/posting policy, recruitment procedure, filling up of vacancies, action on certain welfare measures etc.

Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been holding discussions with the recognised associations from time to time on the demands/grievances of the employees. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan takes necessary follow up action based on the discussions.

Establishing West Zone Regional Centre in Gujarat

1652. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has proposed to Central Government for establising West-Zone Centre of University Grants Commission in the State;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the State Government's request;

(c) whether this proposal is under the consideration of Government for long; and

(d) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be finalised ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT OF CULTURE (Km.SELJA): (a) to (d) In November, 1991, the Chief Minister of Gujarat requested the Government of India to set up a regional office of UGC at Ahmedabad or Gandhinagar. According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission has taken a decision, in principle, to set up its regional offices. An Empowered Commttee, constituted by the UGC, is examining the various issues like location of regional offices, requirement of infrastructural facilities operational framework etc.

Central Assistance for Purchase of Sports Equipments

1653. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government provides financial assistance to the State Sports councils etc. for purchase of sports equipment;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how much sports equipment were acquired by the States during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of India through Sports Authority of India, provide annually a financial assistance amounting to 50% of the cost of the consumable sports equipment purchased by the State Sports Council subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.00 lakh to each State/Union Territory. The quantum of sports equipment to be acquired by the State is decided by the State Government.

Conference on "Education for All"

1654. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstatred Question